



**PATENT**  
**Docket No.: 29273/550**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Tomoo Yamamoto et al.  
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FOR : Magnetic Recording Medium and Magnetic Recording Apparatus  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated November 6, 2003, the period for response having been extended herein to April 6, 2004 by payment of the requisite fee of \$420.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith. In addition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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